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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF ROC POLICY ON INDOCHINESE  
- REFUGEES

REFS: STATE 135333, TAIPEI 3107, TAIPEI 3013

1. DURING RECENT CONVERSATION CONCERNING SEVERAL  
MATTERS, CONSULAR COUNSELOR ASKED TWO QUESTIONS OF YU  
PENG, DIRECTOR MOFA CONSULAR AFFAIRS, CONCERNING  
INDOCHINESE REFUGEES:

(A) WHY THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE 500 FIGURE GIVEN  
TO AMBASSADOR UNGER BY THE THEN PREMIER CHIANG CHING-  
KUO AND THE 2000 NUMBER MENTIONED IN THE ROC'S NOTE?  
YU PENG SAID THAT EVENTUALLY THE ROC INTENDS TO BRING  
A TOTAL OF 2000 ETHNIC CHINESE FROM INDOCHINA TO  
TAIWAN. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE 500 FIGURE REPRESENTS  
PERSONS WHO ARE IN POSSESSION BOTH OF ROC ENTRY VISAS  
AND PASSPORTS (FOR TAIWAN) AND OF EXIT PERMITS FROM  
THE SRV; THE 2000 FIGURE IS BASED ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF  
PERSONS IN POSSESSION OF ROC ENTRY VISAS AND PASSPORT  
ONLY.

(B) WAS CONSTRUCTION OF THE REFUGEE CENTER MENTIONED  
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BY CHIANG CHING-KUO EVER COMPLETED? YU PENG STATED  
THAT THE CENTER IS STILL BEING PLANNED BUT THAT THE  
CHINA YOUTH CORPS NEEDS THE SITE FOR SUMMER  
ACTIVITIES. THE IMPLICATION WAS THAT IT WOULD BE  
AVAILABLE LATER.  
IN THIS REGARD, YU PENG STATED THAT THE AVAILABLE SPACE  
IN PENG HU AND HSINTIEN IS NOW EXHAUSTED. (IN ADDITION

EMBASSY JUST INFORMED THAT 8 OTHER REFUGEES ARRIVED BY BOAT IN TAIWAN ON MAY 31.) YU PENG ASKED IF ANYTHING MIGHT BE DONE TO MOVE ONWARD TO THE UNITED STATES ANY REFUGEES WHO HAD QUALIFIED UNDER THE UNITED STATES BOAT CASE PROGRAM. NO COMMITMENT WAS MADE OTHER THAN TO PROMISE TO PUT THE QUESTION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY HAS SPONSORS FOR 20 CATEGORY III REFUGEES. FURTHER THERE ARE 19 OTHERS WHO QUALIFY UNDER CATEGORY I. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROCESS THESE CASES FURTHER WITHOUT IPP NUMBERS, INTERVIEWS BY INS OFFICER AND SOME INDICATION OF CONCURRENCE IN PROCEEDING BY THE DEPARTMENT. IN RESPONSE TO YU PENG'S REQUEST AND PARTICULARLY AS THE SPONSORS OF THESE REFUGEES PROBABLY ARE WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED, IT IS REQUESTED THAT ANY NUMBERS WHICH MAY NOT BE ALLOCATED AND USED UNDER IPP BE RE-ALLOCATED HERE FOR USE BY SOME OF THE ABOVE 39 REFUGEES SO THAT SPACE MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ANY NEW ARRIVALS AND TO TAKE THE PRESSURE OF CLOSE QUARTERS OFF THE CURRENT GROUP. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, IT IS REQUESTED IN LINE WITH GROC'S REQUEST THAT EARLY CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ALLOCATION OF NUMBERS FROM 25,000 BE MADE WHEN ATTORNEY GENERAL EXERCISES HIS PAROLE AUTHORITY. UNGER

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